

State Laws

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHALLENGERS AT POLLING PLACES

1. WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Be at your polling place by 5:30 a.m. Introduce yourself to the election officials. Write down their names and titles. If anyone harasses, threatens, or intimidates you, immediately call your Coordinator Attorney or Headquarters.

2. UNLOCKING THE VOTING MACHINE (N.J.S.A. 19:52-1)

The voting machine keys must be in a sealed envelope. Be sure that the seal number and protective counter number listed on the envelope match the seal number and protective counter number on the machine itself. Take note of both the seal number and the protective counter number.

3. EXAMINE THE VOTING MACHINE (N.J.S.A. 19:48-6, 19:52-1)

Review the Voting Machine instructions. When the machine is unlocked, look to see that the Democratic candidates' names are visible and in the correct position. Look for the protective number. Write it down. If you have any concerns about a machine, telephone your Coordinating Attorney or Headquarters.

4. Be the FIRST VOTER. Test the machine to be sure all levers work.

5. INSPECTION OF VOTING MACHINE (N.J.S.A. 19:52-2)

After each person votes, the election officer should inspect the machine to see that the ballot is in place and has not been damaged. See that this is being done and spot-check the ballot yourself from time to time. Do not enter the booth to do this or touch the machine.

6. USE OF A MODEL (N.J.S.A. 19:52-3)

A small model and sample ballot should be posted during Election Day.

7. VOTING TIME (N.J.S.A. 19:52-3)

No voter may remain in the voting booth for more than two minutes.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

IF YOU SEE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING HAPPENING, TELEPHONE (973) 301-0001 IMMEDIATELY AND ASK FOR ANN OR STEVE.

1. It is illegal for anyone to touch a voting machine except:
 - a. The voter;
 - b. A Democratic and Republican Election District Board Worker aiding a blind or handicapped voter who asks for their assistance. NO ONE ELSE may help a voter. N.J.S.A. 19:50-3.
 - c. The Board Worker who opens the machine in the morning and closes it at night. N.J.S.A. 19:52-1, -5.

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If anyone else touches the voting machine for any reason, including repairs, call Headquarters or your Coordinating Attorney.

2. It is illegal for anyone to vote in a district where they are not a resident. N.J.S.A. 19:34-1.
3. It is illegal to scratch out or mark up any candidates' name on the machine. Check the booths often (every half hour) to be sure nothing has been damaged.
4. It is illegal to jam a machine with gum, paper clips, bobby pins or anything else. N.J.S.A. 19:34-5. CHECK FREQUENTLY.
- ✓ 5. It is illegal to stay in a voting booth for more than two minutes. N.J.S.A. 19:52-3.
6. It is illegal for a voter to go back into a voting booth after voting. N.J.S.A. 19:52-3.
7. It is illegal for anyone to vote more than one time. N.J.S.A. 19:34-20; N.J.S.A. 19:34-11.
8. It is illegal to give or accept any money for a vote. N.J.S.A. 19:34-25.
9. It is illegal for anyone to make threats of any kind to a voter. N.J.S.A. 19:34-11, -27, -28.
10. It is illegal to hand out literature, ask support or display signs within 100 feet of the polling place (front door, NOT the machines). N.J.S.A. 19:34-6.
11. It is illegal to tell anyone inside the polling place who they should vote for. N.J.S.A. 19:34-7.
12. It is illegal to wear any campaign buttons or stickers within the polling place. N.J.S.A. 19:34-6, -7, -15, -19).

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